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FOREWORD

HISTORY is made by men. The history of a denomination is made by Spirit-led men. Men of consecration and vision have directed the course of the Evangelical Church through nearly a century and a half. The life and work of these leaders must not be forgotten.

That the present and future generations of Evangelical Church members may appreciate the bishops who have left an indelible imprint upon the life of the Church, this booklet is presented. It is compiled from a series of "Thumbnail Sketches of Early Evangelical Bishops" presented in *The Evangelical Crusader*. Bishop Emeritus S. P. Spreng and Dr. W. E. Peffley, editor of Evangelical Sunday-school literature, were the authors of this series. Their kind permission to reprint these sketches in this booklet is genuinely appreciated.

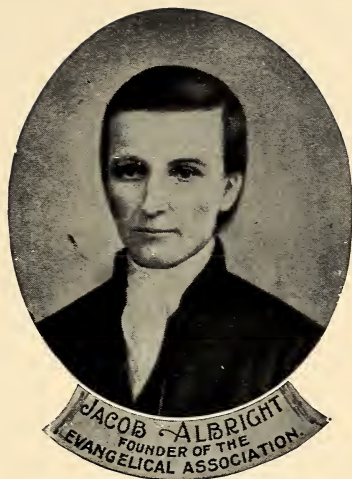
To the sketches by the above-named authors have been added accounts of the lives of the more recent bishops of the Evangelical Church. For the most part, the sketches are placed in the order of the bishop's election. It is regretted that the engravings are not uniform in size, but these have been taken from the cut files of the Evangelical Publishing House, the only known source for some of the profiles of the earlier bishops.

It is sincerely hoped that this booklet will prove a helpful addition to the growing list of materials of historical value to Evangelicals. The editor trusts that the booklet will be placed in Evangelical homes throughout the length and breadth of the Church; that it will be used in catechetical classes, as resource for those delving into things Evangelical; and that it will prove an enriching gift as it is placed into the hands of old and young alike.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond M. Veh." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and date.

Harrisburg, Pa.
April 15, 1939.

JACOB ALBRIGHT



JACOB ALBRIGHT, known as "the honest tilemaker," the divinely appointed founder of the Evangelical Church (known in its founding as the Evangelical Association), was born near Pottstown, Pa., May 1, 1759. His parents were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was a man of sound mind and upright character, successful in the business of tilemaking and farming. At 32 years of age he experienced sound conversion and became a real child of God. After his conversion he found that the Methodist Church and its doctrine, spirit and polity appealed to him. He joined this Church. He began the study of the English language so that he might be more useful. He soon felt the divine call and the urge to preach the Gospel to the Pennsylvania Germans. After a series of incidents he yielded to this call and in 1796 started out preaching far and wide. He crossed the Allegheny Mountains and itinerated as far west as Hyndman, Pennsylvania, and Cumberland, Maryland. Meanwhile, according to strict rules in primitive Methodism about attending weekly "class meetings," which he could not observe, he lost his membership in the Church, and was obliged to start a new organization.

The first organization took place in 1800. Albright went on preaching and in the course of time several of his converts also began preaching. The first conference was held in 1807, at which Albright was unanimously elected bishop and requested to prepare a Book of Discipline, which he proceeded to do. Soon his health failed and on May 18, 1808, he passed to his reward in the home of George Becker at Muehlbach, Pa., not quite 50 years of age. His remains rest in the little cemetery at Kleinfeltersville, where is erected the first Memorial church to his memory. His work is immortal; it still goes on, larger and better than ever. Today, 260,000 Evangelicals revere his name.



Bishop
JOHN SEYBERT

AFTER the death of Jacob Albright which occurred in 1808, the Church was without a bishop for 31 years. Then the General Conference, in 1839, unanimously elected John Seybert to this high office. He was a man who was preëminently a pioneer missionary and soul-winner and remained so to the end of his days.

John Seybert, son of Henry Seybert, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, and his wife, Susan Kreuzer, was born at Manheim, Pa., July 7, 1791. In June, 1810, he was soundly converted, and in 1819 he began to preach. Seybert was never married. His whole life was one of utter simplicity and self-denial. This was due largely to his religious background. His parents were strict members of one of the Pennsylvania churches, known as "Schwenkfelders." They were extreme in their ideas of humility, simplicity and "other-worldliness," in matters of dress and abstemious habits of life. In this atmosphere he grew to manhood and naturally some of those primitive ideas of simplicity account largely for his very severe habits of living. He was conscientious in his simplicity and counted it all joy to sacrifice every form of easy living for the sake of the Gospel and the salvation of souls.

John Seybert lived for souls. He was a soul-winner to the end of his life. The last entry in his diary which he made on December 28, 1859, has the laconic phrase, "Eine Seele Gerettet"—"One soul saved."

The summary of his ministerial life gives these extraordinary figures: He served the Church in the ministry for forty years. He never took a vacation. He died in the harness. He traveled per horse and wagon 175,000 miles or a distance equal to seven times around the globe at the equator. He preached 9,850 times, conducted thousands of prayer and class meetings, made about 46,000 pastoral visits, and visited at least 10,000 sick and afflicted ones.

He died in the home of Isaac Parker, near Bellevue, Ohio, and his grave is in the old cemetery at Flat Rock. He was the first bishop of the Church under the rules of the Discipline, a worthy successor to Albright.

Bishop
JOSEPH LONG



BISHOP LONG was born October 2, 1800, in Berks County, Pa., the second son of Killian Long and his wife, Barbara Brown. They later moved to the vicinity of Ft. Pitt, now Pittsburgh, Pa., where Joseph grew up. In 1818 he was converted, the family having moved meanwhile to Ohio.

He entered the ministry at the conference session held in New Berlin, Pa., in June, 1822. January 10, 1826, he was married to Catherine Hoy, daughter of Philip Hoy. But the salary was too small—from 1827-33, the largest amount received for the year was \$21.31, and the smallest, \$9.11. So he had to locate to earn a living for his family.

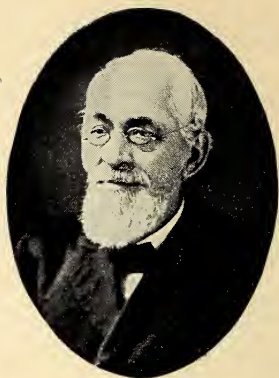
At the General Conference in 1843, held in Greensburg, Ohio, he was elected bishop and colleague of Bishop Seybert. He served in this office until his death in Forreston, Ill., June 23, 1869, at the age of 68.

Bishop Long was the outstanding preacher of the Church in his day. Many men declared they never heard his equal. He was witty and sometimes sarcastic. But people did not resent his witticisms. He had a good education for those days and was equally proficient in English and German.

His sermons were doctrinal and pungent. Sometimes he rose to great heights of inspiring oratory. He had command of a rich doctrinal vocabulary and spoke with profound feeling and awe-inspiring dignity. His spiritual insight, his logical method of thinking, his imposing personality, clothed in a manifest spiritual endowment as well as natural endowment, made him a preacher of rare power and effectiveness.

He was a strict disciplinarian, and understood the doctrine as well as the law of the Church. Yet he was progressive, quietly adapting himself to changing conditions and ideals. In him the Church had a wise counsellor, far-seeing and prudent, and a staunch defender of the fundamental doctrines of the Evangelical Church.

Bishop
WILLIAM W. ORWIG

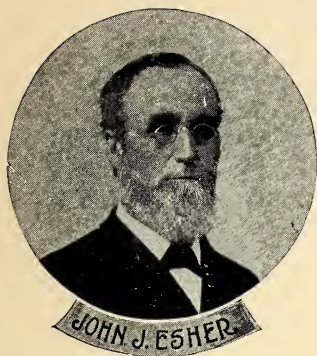


BORN near Orwigsburg, Pa., September 25, 1810, in an Evangelical home where Jacob Albright had often been a welcome guest, Bishop W. W. Orwig was converted on June 4, 1826, at the age of 16. He was received into the ministry in the Eastern Conference, June 2, 1828, and served as an itinerant circuit rider for several years. He had one circuit with 32 preaching places scattered through five counties. In 1836 the General Conference elected him as book agent and editor, with headquarters in New Berlin, Pa. He bought the first printing press for our Church. The General Conference of 1839 relieved Orwig of the office of publisher and made him editor of *Der Christliche Botschafter*, and Charles Hammer, also from Orwigsburg, was made publisher.

In 1854 Orwig wrote the first history of the Evangelical Association, and in 1859, the General Conference in Naperville, Ill., elected him bishop. In this position he served only four years, his health proving insufficient for the task. In 1863 he was elected editor again, and was made treasurer of the Missionary Society. After that he served as presiding elder in the Erie Conference until he retired.

Orwig was a pioneer, a pathfinder. He was one of the founders of the Missionary Society and one of the early officers. He boldly advocated higher education and was instrumental in starting the first educational institution in the Church. He was an up-to-date man, and not afraid to advocate new movements and new ideas. He was conservative and yet aggressive, and fought for his convictions. He was a student, well versed in many lines of literature. Orwig was also a staunch defender of the doctrines of the Church, and especially a strong proponent of the doctrine of entire sanctification as taught in our Discipline. He wrote a book in German entitled, "Die Heils Fuelle"—Full Salvation. He also prepared a catechism and wrote a book on Pastoral Theology.

He was married to Miss Susan Rishel, who was a brave and gracious helpmate. Their eldest son was the well-known Rev. A. W. Orwig, who died only a few years ago at the age of 91. Among their daughters were the wives of Rev. J. Bowersox and Rev. S. L. Wiest, and Susan, the poet and hymn writer, Mrs. Elisha A. Hofman, and Mrs. Isaac Moyer, of Cleveland. He died May 29, 1889, at the age of 78. During his lifetime the Evangelical Church grew from a membership of 2,000 to 145,000.



Bishop
JOHN JACOB ESHER

BORN in Alsatia, France, in 1823, J. J. Esher came to America with his parents in 1830, when he was a lad of seven years. The family first settled near Warren, Pa., where Bishop Seybert found them when he was a pioneer itinerant missionary. Under his ministry they were converted and became members of our Church. In 1836 they moved to Illinois and became founders of the first Evangelical congregation in the State, in 1837, at Des Plaines and Northfield, north of Chicago.

J. J. Esher was licensed to preach in 1845, and for years did heroic pioneer work in Illinois and Iowa, crossing the Mississippi River more than once on the ice. He served as circuit rider and presiding elder for some years and helped to establish Northwestern, now North Central College, and also the Theological Seminary in Naperville. Then he also served as editor of the *Evangelical Magazine* when it was a German theological monthly.

In 1863 he was elected bishop, succeeding Bishop Orwig. In this office he served with distinction and outstanding leadership through the most critical period of the Evangelical Church until his death in 1901, a period of 38 years. He organized the first conference of our Church in Europe in 1865. He made the first episcopal visit to Japan in 1884-85, and visited Japan three times. He also wrote, under appointment of General Conference, a *Systematic Theology* in German. He died April 16, 1901, aged 77 years.

Bishop Esher was a profound thinker, a great theologian, a convincing, instructive, doctrinal preacher, an able executive, a man of deep convictions, an aggressive, fearless leader, who had many friends—and some enemies, too. He was a man of sterling character, a world builder of the Church and of the kingdom of God, a conscientious defender of the faith, a scrupulous expounder of the faith. He labored with calm assurance and profound conviction, and won many souls for Christ and the Church.

Bishop
REUBEN YEAKEL



THE fifth regular bishop of the Evangelical Association was born in Montgomery County, Pa., the son of Charles and Susan Yeakel, on August 3, 1827. He was born again spiritually at nine years of age, and joined the Church in 1836. He entered the ministry in the East Pennsylvania Conference in 1853. In 1859 he was elected the first corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society and served four years in this office at an annual salary of \$325.00!

In 1863 he was elected editor of the Sunday-school literature and the first editor of the *Sunday School Messenger*. In 1871 he was elected bishop and served eight years in this office with distinguished ability and great success, greatly beloved by ministers and members. He was a great theologian, a profound doctrinal preacher, and an executive of rare ability.

He was a prominent member of the National Holiness Association, laboring with Dr. John Inskip, W. MacDonald, and others. He was co-founder of the *Living Epistle*, the first and only denominational holiness magazine. After his service as bishop he became principal of the Union Biblical Institute—now Evangelical Theological Seminary, in Naperville, Ill., where he served efficiently till 1883.

In 1887 he was appointed to write a history of our Church which he issued in two volumes. This took the record of our Church from the beginning up to 1875. He also wrote the biographies of Jacob Albright and his co-laborers and other leaders of the past. He was a constant contributor to the Church press. He died March 5, 1904, in his 77th year. He was a man of strong character and keen mind, very conscientious and deeply spiritual. He was generous and kindhearted, a helpful friend and wise counsellor. He rendered conspicuous service in many lines. His memory abides in many institutions and agencies of the Church today.

Bishop
RUDOLPH DUBS,
D.D., LL.D.



RUDOLPH DUBS was born in his parental home near Worms, on the banks of the beautiful Rhine, in South Germany, May 31, 1837. When he was fifteen years old he came with his parents to this country and settled in Stephenson County, Illinois. He was converted when 17 years old, a young man full of energy ready to enter a life career. His decision to become a Christian was very positive. He stated his determination to his father who protested against the experimental religion which was being preached by the followers of Jacob Albright. His father demanded: "Do you intend to join those people? If you do, then do not return home." The boy replied, "Will you answer for me at the judgment, if I heed your advice?" "I cannot do that," was the reply. "Then," said the boy, "I must see to it that I can."

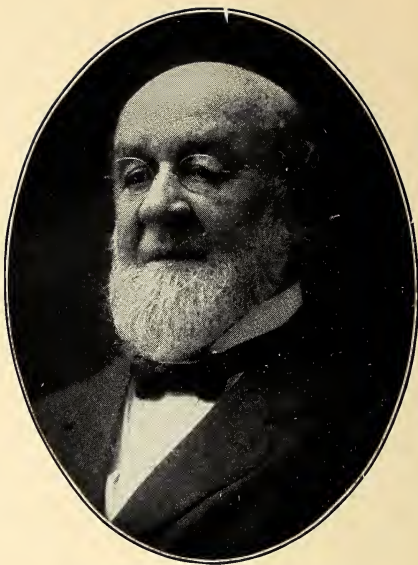
He was licensed to preach in 1855, and after serving a few years as a pioneer missionary pastor in the Middle West, as traveling agent for Plainfield College (now North Central), as presiding elder, as editor of the *Christliche Botschafter*, he was elected bishop in 1875, when he was only 38 years of age. He served the Church in this way for twenty-seven years. Following his retirement from the office of bishop in 1902, he was editor of the *Evangelische Zeitschrift*. In 1914 he was again elected bishop, but was able to serve in this office less than a year.

Bishop Dubs was a great preacher and expositor of the Bible and defender of the faith of his Church. He was at all times familiar with the social and economic as well as religious conditions of his own country and the world. He was much in demand as a platform speaker for Y. M. C. A.'s, camp meetings, Bible conferences. He was a real missionary and had a large part in developing the home missionary enterprise of his Church.

Bishop Dubs died at the age of 78 years, in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., on March 31, 1915.

Bishop

THOMAS BOWMAN,
D.D.



THOMAS BOWMAN was born of godly parents, May 28, 1836. When he was 18 years of age he was soundly converted and became a member of the Evangelical Association, as it was then called. He was licensed to preach in 1858 and began preaching in the East Pennsylvania Conference in 1859. He rapidly gained prominence by his outstanding ability as a pulpit orator and an evangelistic pastor.

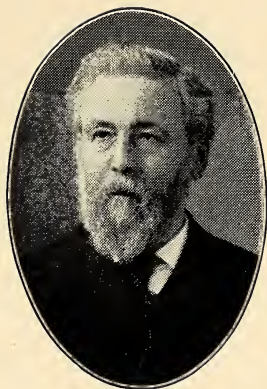
He was elected bishop by the General Conference in session in Philadelphia in 1875, and served in that capacity for forty years. He retired at Los Angeles General Conference in 1915, the only man in the history of our Church who ever served as bishop for full forty years.

During these years he served with distinction in various official capacities and attended the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism in London as representative of the Evangelical Association. He visited our European conferences many times and also visited our work in Asia. Wherever he went he was an inspiration and a blessing. The preachers looked to him for wise counsel, and found in him a genial, appreciative, understanding friend and helper.

His great strength was in the pulpit and especially at camp meetings. With gripping eloquence he preached the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. Great audiences hung spellbound on his lips. His voice was always resonant and clear. His gestures were dignified and expressive, never overdrawn. He often made irresistible appeals to audiences of sinners and persuaded them sometimes in scores to come to the altar as penitents. In most of his travels he was accompanied by his capable, intelligent wife, who helped him in many ways.

He lived to witness in Detroit the merger of the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church which was a great joy to him. His death occurred March 14, 1923, at the age of 86 years and 9 months. He was a practical, skillful executive and an inspiring leader.

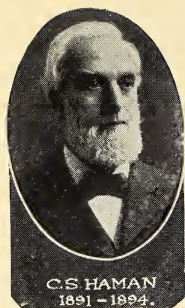
Bishop
WILLIAM HORN,
D.D.



WILLIAM HORN was born in Germany, May 1, 1839, and came to the United States in 1855, at the age of 16. He settled with his parents in Wisconsin. One year later he was soundly converted at an Evangelical altar in Lomira. He was licensed to preach in 1861, and ordained an elder in 1866. He was an assiduous reader and student of German literature, especially poetry. In 1871, at the age of 32, he was elected editor of the *Evangelische Magazine*, a German literary magazine, and the German Sunday-school literature. Then eight years later, in 1879, he was elected editor of *Der Christliche Botschafter*, the oldest and best-known German church paper in America, published by our denomination for over a century. In this capacity he served with distinction until 1891 when he was elected bishop by the General Conference meeting in Indianapolis.

Bishop Horn was a master of classical German and ranked as one of the two greatest German writers in the country, the other being Doctor Seybert, editor of the greatest German secular newspaper, the *New York Staats Zeitung*. He was a poet by the grace of God. He translated many of the great English church hymns, such as "Rock of Ages," "Almost Persuaded," and many others into German. He also wrote many original hymns and spiritual songs in German, and published a handsome volume of fine poems. In addition he was a great wit and used his wit—sometimes sarcastic sallies—to good purpose. He was all his life a prolific writer.

In 1915, at the General Conference in Los Angeles, California, he voluntarily retired from active service, and died April 27, 1917, aged 78. His memory abides in blessing. His sons, one a lawyer, the other a business man, and his daughters, one of whom, Ella, is well known in the church as a prominent leader in the Woman's Missionary Society, have been an honor to their father.



Bishop
CHRISTIAN S. HAMAN.

CHRISTIAN SAMUEL HAMAN, a revered patriarch of the East Pennsylvania Conference, was a bishop during the period of the organization of the United Evangelical group of the sons of Albright, and served from 1891 to 1894.

In these few years he greatly endeared himself to the Church. Bishop Hartzler said of him and his work: "He was a man and a Christian of the old standard type, sound to the core, loyal in every fiber, without pretense, without guile. He loved the Lord; he loved the Church; he honored the holy ministry to which he gave his life. As a man, a Christian, a husband, a father, a friend, a preacher, a pastor, a presiding elder, a church representative, a bishop, Father Haman was 'all of a piece,' without patchwork—the same man all the way through."

Bishop Haman was born in Nazareth, Pa., March 14, 1832. He was converted in 1846 at the age of 14, and licensed to preach the Gospel in 1854. His pastor was so impressed with his ability, his consecration and his divine call to the ministry that, as the bishop declared later, without his knowledge, the pastor presented his name to the quarterly conference recommending him as a candidate for the ministry. The recommendation was signed by all the twenty-one members present.

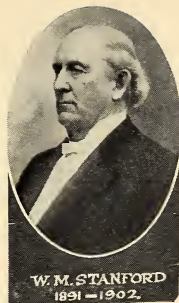
He was elected presiding elder (now known as district superintendent) in 1870 and was reelected every four years until he had completed thirty years in this capacity. In 1891 the General Conference in Philadelphia elevated him to the office of bishop. He said of the work of these years, "It was laborious, but the Lord helped to bear the burden." Throughout his long ministerial career he enjoyed almost unbroken health, and so was privileged to preach more than ten thousand sermons, according to his record. In his leadership contribution to the Church he served twenty-three years in the pastorate, thirty years as presiding elder, and three years as bishop.

He finished his God-assigned work on January 14, 1916, in Reading, Pa., and "his works do follow him."

Bishop

WESLEY M. STANFORD, D.D.

WESLEY MATTHIAS STANFORD, preacher, editor, reformer, bishop, was born on a farm in Rockland Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1846. He was converted while a boy and licensed in 1871 by the Pittsburgh Conference to preach the gospel. For ten years he served as pastor, during which time he had an average of seventy-five conversions each year.



He was elected assistant editor of *The Evangelical Messenger* in 1882. In 1889 he was chosen managing editor of *The Evangelical*, printed in Harrisburg, Pa. In 1891 he was elected as one of the bishops of the United Evangelical group and served until 1902, when his term expired by law. In that year the General Conference elected him again as editor of *The Evangelical*, which office he filled until 1910, when he was elected editor of the Sunday-school literature, and served until the merger of the two branches of the Church in 1922.

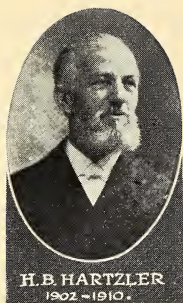
Bishop Stanford was an exceptional Bible student and faithful interpreter of the Bible. He made it a practice to learn at least one verse of Scripture each day; and he urged this practice upon all. He could read chapter after chapter without the book.

He was a very popular and successful platform speaker, serving often in Bible conferences, conventions, camp meetings, dedications, reopenings, etc. For more than twenty years he was a leader in the Anti-Saloon League; and for many years a member of the Federal Council of Churches.

He was preëminently an evangelist,—not so styled; but his preaching was evangelistic. With his preaching he included singing, for he could and often did, stop in his sermon and lead the congregation in a stirring evangelistic song.

Bishop Stanford was a true friend and a wise counselor and all who knew him loved him.

Bishop Stanford died in his home in Harrisburg, Pa., April 8, 1923.



Bishop
HENRY B. HARTZLER, D.D.

HENRY BURNS HARTZLER was born in a little farm home in York County, Pa., near the present Yorkana, March 23, 1840. Of his early religious impressions he wrote: "They dated from my early childhood, and were deepened at the various religious meetings, especially the camp meetings, where I made public confession of Christ."

Bishop Hartzler had an unusually wide experience in the religious field; his qualifications made him an efficient leader in so many different capacities. He was a preacher, evangelist, teacher, poet, author, editor, bishop. He received a license to preach the Gospel in 1869 and served as a pastor from that time to 1875. In that year he was elected assistant editor of *The Evangelical Messenger*. At the end of four years, 1879, he was elected editor of the Church organ and served for eight years.

While associate editor, and residing in Cleveland, Ohio, he was selected leader of a union evangelistic campaign. He spoke in these meetings at the noon periods and in the evening for ten weeks. The campaign attracted national interest and made Dr. Hartzler one of the most talked-of ministers of the country.

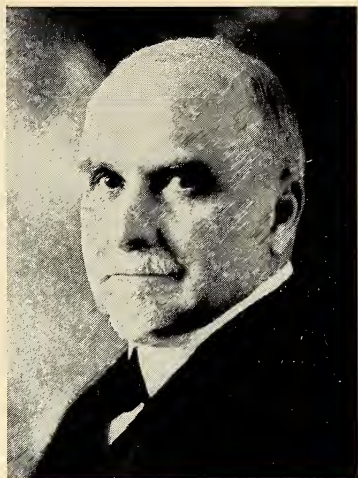
He accepted an invitation to teach the Bible in the Mount Hermon and Northfield schools, and was thus associated with the great evangelist, D. L. Moody. He was a profound and persistent Bible student and teacher. He wrote many poems, some of which have been collected and printed. To many of his verses music has been set, and some of the most beautiful hymns in the *Evangelical Hymnal* were written by Bishop Hartzler.

In 1902 he was elevated to the highest office of his Church, the bishopric, and he served faithfully for eight years, carrying throughout the Church Christian refinement, poise, grace and modesty. Some one said, "We like to sing Dr. Hartzler's hymns, because he lived them."

Bishop Hartzler died in his home in Lemoyne, Pa., September 3, 1920.

Bishop

SYLVANUS C. BREYFOGEL,
D.D., LL.D.



SYLVANUS CHARLES BREYFOGEL was born in Reading, Pa., July 20, 1851, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Seneca Breyfogel. He was licensed in the East Pennsylvania Conference and ordained in 1873. He served in the pastorate and as district superintendent until 1891 when he was elected bishop at the General Conference in Indianapolis. He served in this office with distinction for 39 years until he retired at the General Conference in Milwaukee in 1930.

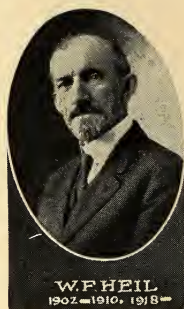
He was married to Miss Boas, a member of a prominent Evangelical family, in 1877. They were blessed with two sons and four daughters; among the latter are Mrs. G. B. Kimmel, wife of Dr. Kimmel, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., and Mrs. G. E. Schnabel, wife of the pastor of Albright Memorial church, Washington, D. C.

Bishop Breyfogel was a man of exceptional talent and of genial social qualities. He possessed unusual executive ability which stood him in good stead as a bishop. Indeed he was a man of many-sided ability, and above all a brilliant preacher and pulpit orator of rare popularity and power. He possessed a fertile imagination and commanded an unusual wealth of knowledge. His messages were clothed in choice, rhetorical language.

He was a creative leader of enterprises. Bishop Breyfogel was the founder, one might say the creator, of the useful Superannuation Fund. He also did a great deal for our educational institutions. He was especially influential in the development of Albright College in Reading, Pa., as also the creator of the Evangelical School of Theology.

He traveled throughout the bounds of the Evangelical Church in the United States and Canada, visiting our churches in Europe many times and our missions in Japan and China. His work in interdenominational organizations was also notable—particularly in the Federal Council of Churches. He was much in demand as a preacher in such places as Ocean Grove, New Jersey, and Winona Lake Assembly, Indiana. He was the author of "Evangelical Landmarks," and wrote a "Digest of Laws of the Evangelical Church." In short he has left his mark upon the history of the Church as have few men.

Bishop
WILLIAM F. HEIL, D.D.

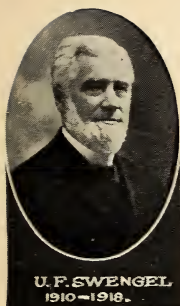


WILLIAM FRANKLIN HEIL was born May 1, 1857, in Berlinville, Northampton County, Pa. He was licensed by the East Pennsylvania Conference in 1880 to preach the Gospel. Ten years later he was elected presiding elder. In 1902 he was elevated to the office of bishop and served that office, with his colleague, Bishop Hartzler, until 1910, when the law fixing the time limit automatically retired him. His conference made him presiding elder once more, and in 1918 the General Conference again elected him bishop. He served in this office in the United Evangelical group until the church merger in 1922, and continued the same office in the Evangelical Congregational Church until 1926.

Bishop Heil was a brilliant scholar in theology and in ecclesiastical and civil law. He was unusually efficient as a parliamentarian in administering the business of an annual conference, and in interpreting the Discipline. He was a master in homiletics, and his pulpit messages were characterized by depth of thought, clarity of style, and by the challenge they presented. His devotional addresses to the annual conferences were valuable in informational content and inspirational quality. It is to be regretted that they were not published as a textbook on Evangelical Pastoral Theology.

He believed his Church to be evangelical in every sense, that its purpose in the world was evangelism through right evangelistic methods. "To these methods belong," he said in a report of the Commission on Evangelism, "(a) a praying congregation, (b) the plain and unctuous preaching of the word, (c) a passion and travail for the unsaved, (d) personal contact with those who are to be won, (e) faith in God that he will bring a revival if we yield to him, (f) service programs arranged with a view to the creation of a revival atmosphere. It is still true that men must be saved from sin by faith in Christ, that they must be born again."

Bishop Heil died in his home in Allentown, Pa., Nov. 6, 1930.



Bishop
URIAH F. SWENGEL, D.D.

URIAH FRANZ SWENGEL was born near Middleburg, Pa., Oct. 28, 1846, and was one of four brothers who dedicated themselves to the gospel ministry. He was converted as a boy of 16, and seven years later he was licensed to preach. Before entering the ministry he taught school. For more than fifty years this servant of God labored faithfully and in varied places of leadership. Thirty of these years he spent as a pastor, twelve as presiding elder, eight as bishop. He was elected bishop in 1910 and served two successive terms, retiring in 1918. The law of the Church at that time limited the office of bishop to two successive terms.

In addition to these responsibilities Bishop Swengel served as assistant editor of the Sunday-school literature (1884-87) and as editor, 1894-1898. He was editor of the young people's magazine, *The K. L. C. E. Journal*.

Bishop Swengel was especially interested in the young people's work in the Church. He was secretary of the General Managing Board from 1891 to 1902, when he was elected president and served in this capacity until 1910, when he was elected bishop. He was one of the pioneers in Leadership Training, and wrote the textbook, "Modes and Methods of Work," which helped to complete the "Evangelical Normal Series," containing ten separate textbooks. He was a trustee in the International Society of Christian Endeavor and a personal friend of Dr. Francis E. Clark, the president and founder.

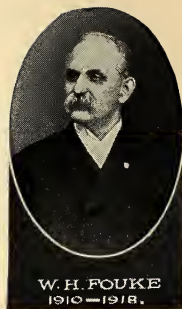
Bishop Swengel was also a pioneer in the Brotherhood movement. While serving the pastorate from which he was elected bishop in 1910 he organized an Albright Brotherhood which had for its objectives: personal enrichment through prayer and Bible study, personal evangelism and missions. Other brotherhoods were organized in his conference.

He was a tireless worker. While a pastor he usually was engaged in some general Church or conference enterprise. At the time of his death he was president of the Board of Missions.

Bishop Swengel died in Harrisburg, Pa., March 8, 1921.

Bishop
WILLIAM H. FOUKE, D.D.

WILLIAM HARGRAVE FOUKE was born in Shepherdstown, Va., Oct. 30, 1851. He was converted when a young man and immediately dedicated his life to God. In 1876 he was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Illinois Conference and ordained as deacon two years later, and as elder in 1880. He spent forty-seven years in continuous service of his conference and the general Church as pastor, presiding elder, general secretary, editor, bishop.



Bishop Fouke was one of the founders of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor of the former United Evangelical Church. In 1891, when the League was organized, W. H. Fouke was elected president of the General Managing Board, with U. F. Swengel as secretary. In 1902 these officials were reversed, Bishop Swengel becoming president and Bishop Fouke secretary, and both serving until 1910 when they were elected to the highest office in the Church, that of bishop. During this period, 1902-1910, he was editor of the Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor literature. From 1918 to 1922 he was associate editor of *The Evangelical*, the law of limitation retiring him from the office of bishop in 1918.

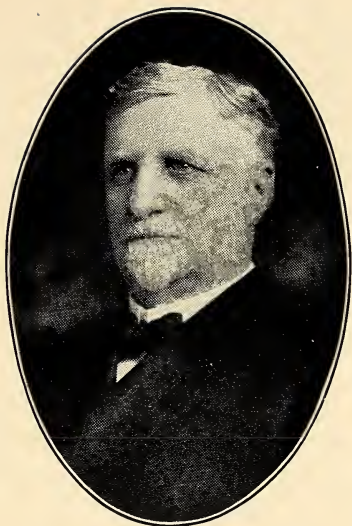
We scarcely ever think of Bishop Fouke except we recall that many years ago in a Christian Endeavor address he said, "Christian Endeavor came out into the world on Ground-hog Day but, unlike the ground hog, it never went back, but always forward, until it covered most of the earth."

Bishop Fouke was beloved by all who knew him. He was indeed a modern apostle of love. His life was a constant devotion to his Lord. He practiced the presence of his Lord, and depended upon him for guidance. Often, when we would step into the bishop's editorial office, we would find him behind his desk kneeling in prayer.

Bishop Fouke died Feb. 6, 1923, in the Ryburn Memorial Hospital, Ottawa, Ill.

Bishop

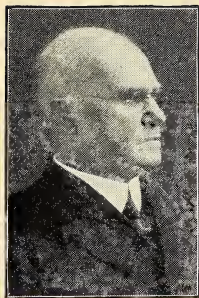
G. HEINMILLER, D.D.



THIS outstanding man of God and leader in the Evangelical Church was born in Albany, N. Y., October 15, 1853. At the age of 15 he moved with his parents to Iowa. In his seventeenth year he was soundly converted and felt the call to preach, to which he yielded and consecrated his life. In 1872 he attended North Western College in Naperville, and in 1874 he was licensed to preach by the Iowa Conference. Then in 1878 he went to Germany, joined the conference, and after serving several prominent charges, such as Strasbourg, and Dresden, he was appointed director of the Evangelical Preachers Seminary in Reutlingen, where he served with distinction from 1885 till 1891, when he was elected editor of *Der Christliche Botschafter*. In this office he served with great ability for a period of 24 years, breaking all records for length of service in that capacity. In 1915, he was elected bishop by the General Conference in Los Angeles, which office he served with success until his death in October, 1922, aged 69 years, just a few days after the memorable Merger General Conference in Detroit.

He was three times married. His first wife, Mary Hamm, died after one year of happy wedded life, leaving him a daughter, now the widow of the late Dr. A. Goldspohn. Then in Germany he married Louisa Miller. This union was blest with eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. Among the seven sons are William H., who is professor of Social Sciences in North Central College; Dr. Carl, who is field secretary of the Evangelical Missionary Society; and Adelbert, active in Brotherhood work in Illinois. Some time after the mother of these children died the bishop married Mrs. Kaechele, who survives him.

Thus he served the Church with conspicuous ability for forty-eight years. He was secretary of five General Conferences, and for eight years he was president of the Y. P. A. of the former Evangelical Association. In 1906 he visited South America as secretary of the Missionary Society, in hope of opening a mission field of our Church in that continent. In 1916 he visited our missions in Japan and China. He also visited our conferences in Europe as presiding bishop several times. In 1920, after the World War, he visited Germany to administer relief.



Bishop
SAMUEL P. SPRENG, D.D.

BORN in Wayne County, Ohio, February 11, 1853, Bishop Samuel P. Spreng was dedicated to the ministry from birth by godly parents. While growing up on a farm he was educated in country district schools until in 1872-1875 he matriculated at North Western College, Naperville, Illinois. He began preaching in August, 1875, in Bellevue, O., being licensed and received into the itinerancy in the Ohio Conference in 1876.

Bishop Spreng served Calvary church, Cleveland, three years, which was the then legal limit. Other pastorates were held at Napoleon, Columbus, and Circleville, Ohio. He was elected presiding elder in 1883, serving the Columbus District four years. While pastor of the Madison Avenue Mission, Cleveland, he was elected editor of *The Evangelical Messenger* at the General Conference in Buffalo, 1887. He served in this capacity for twenty years. Upon being elected bishop in 1907 he served in the episcopal office continuously until 1930. He voluntarily retired from active service at the General Conference in Milwaukee in 1930, after twenty-three years in the bishopric.

Bishop Spreng visited the European Conference twice before the World War and three times after the war. He also visited officially our missions in Japan and China, in 1909. In crossing the Atlantic Ocean fourteen times and the Pacific Ocean twice he traveled in the service of the Church a million and a quarter miles without mishap or the slightest injury.

He was married to Miss Margaret A. Beck, September 18, 1878, while pastor of Calvary church, Cleveland. In 1938, with both still living, the bishop and his wife celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. They have four children, three sons and one daughter, all living.

In addition to many denominational offices, he was vice-president of the National Anti-Saloon League for twenty years and a member of the Administration Board of the Federal Council of Churches for a number of terms. Bishop Spreng is known both for his eloquent preaching and his fertile pen. He is the author of the following books: "Rays of Light on the Highway to Success," 1885; "Life of Bishop John Seybert," 1888; "History of the Evangelical Association," 1913; "History of the Evangelical Church," 1927; "The Sinner and His Savior," 1906; and "What Evangelicals Believe," 1929.

Bishop
LAWRENCE H. SEAGER,
D.D., LL.D.

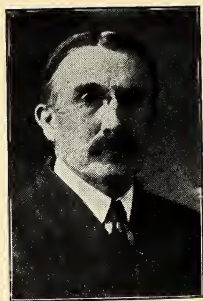


LAURENCE H. SEAGER was born near Fremont, Ohio, April 19, 1860. He was converted early in life. His training was adequate, being graduated from Ohio Northern University, North Western (Central) College, and the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill. In 1896 he was married to Miss Mary Twigg of Columbus, O. They have one son, Charles, a graduate of North Central College, class of 1925, who is the author of a textbook on Upholstery, and is a teacher in the Plainfield, N. J., schools in Manual Training, Electricity, and Printing.

Bishop Seager was ordained in the Ohio Conference in 1888. He was pastor of prominent churches—Calvary church, Cleveland; Calvary church, Akron; and Trinity church, Fremont, Ohio. He also served as presiding elder for two years. Then he became editor of our Sunday-school literature in Cleveland. From 1911 to 1916 he was president of North Western, now North Central College. In 1915 the General Conference in Los Angeles, California, elected him bishop. In this capacity he served with distinction, until he retired in 1934, a period of nineteen years. During this time he directed many boards and institutions of the Church, always giving constructive and vigorous leadership. Ohio Northern University bestowed the Doctor of Laws degree upon him.

After his retirement he preached and held evangelistic meetings almost to the day of his death, August 30, 1937. During these years of "retirement" he saw several hundred, mostly young people, led to Christ, many of them in reconsecration to Christian service. Mrs. Seager, who survives him, is well known throughout the Church for her efficient work in the W. M. S. in which she is still active.

Bishop Seager is greatly missed. He was universally loved. His genial manner, his dynamic personality, his forceful pulpit ministry, his fine executive ability, his keen well-trained mind, his genial social qualities, made him an effective bishop and a forceful leader of the Church. His memory abides in blessing.



Bishop

MATTHEW T. MAZE, D.D.

THE son of humble Christian parents, born in a log cabin, November 16, 1857, near Lewisville, Henry County, Indiana, Bishop Matthew T. Maze moved while yet a child to a farm in the wilds of Tipton County, Indiana. Here he struggled with his parents, two brothers and one sister, to subdue the wilderness and make a farm home. He attended such public schools as were conducted for a few months each winter.

When grown to manhood he attended a Normal Teachers Training College, working to pay all his expenses. On September 7, 1881, he married Miss Katie Goar. In the spring of 1883 the couple moved to Nebraska, taking a homestead far out on the frontier.

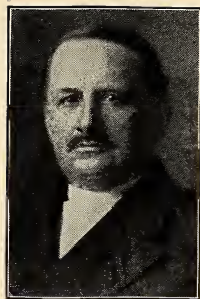
He served as a frontier missionary for seven years, traveling with pony team over trackless prairies in wide areas, preaching many times in sod schoolhouses and the small homes of homesteaders, experiencing all the inconveniences of a great frontier. After seven years he was elected presiding elder, serving two four-year terms, which was the limit under the law of the Church at that time. In connection with his work as presiding elder in his own conference, he was appointed to lead the newly organized Kansas Conference of the United Evangelical Church, and superintended mission work in the territory of Oklahoma.

After another three-year pastorate, in 1909 he was again called to the presiding eldership, serving a full eight-year term. He was then elected secretary-treasurer of Western Union College.

In 1918, while in the midst of a building program at the college, he was elected to the episcopal office. Bishop Maze had been in the active ministry only two years when the Church division came in 1890. He strongly opposed division. He believed that at the earliest possible date a movement should be started to bring the two bodies together. He served on the Commission for Organic Union of the two bodies from the time of its conception and attended all its meetings until union was accomplished in 1922. Beginning with 1898, he was a member of all General Conferences and a member of all the general boards of the Church continuously. He was a member of the building committee which erected the Harrisburg, Pa., Publishing House.

In addition to his many other duties as bishop of the Church, he was president of the Board of Publication for several years, leading up to the purchase of the new Publishing House in Cleveland. He was president of the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension. Now retired, he presently resides in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Bishop
JOHN F. DUNLAP, D.D.



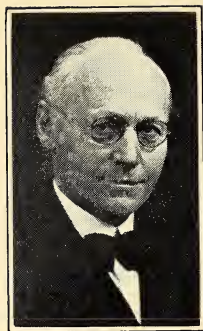
JOHN FRANCIS DUNLAP hails from York, Pa., where he was born July 10, 1865. He finished his public school work at 14, began teaching at 15, and has always had a keen interest in education. In his twenty-first year he entered York County Academy, attended Millersville Normal School, Central Pennsylvania College, and graduated from the Union Biblical Institute in 1889.

As a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, having been licensed in 1888, he served pastorates at Columbia Circuit; West Clifford, Danville, and Nescopeck Missions; Marysville, Lewisburg, Lock Haven, and First church, Williamsport, stations. He served a term each as presiding elder of the Williamsport, York, and Lewisburg Districts.

In 1909 he was elected to the presidency of Albright College, then located at Myerstown, Pennsylvania. He gave capable leadership in the educational field with many of the students looking toward the ministry. He is still serving as trustee of this institution, having a record of 32 years.

In 1915 he resigned as Albright College president and again was chosen to the presiding eldership of his conference. He worked indefatigably for the merger of the two denominations. Upon the merger of the United Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Association he was elected bishop, serving in that capacity for twelve years, 1922 to 1934. He was stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, and served as bishop of the Central Area when the area system was introduced in 1930.

As bishop he directed many important boards, particularly the Board of Publication and the Board of Christian Education, and served as a member on others. He gave efficient guidance and wise counsel to the institutions and agencies under his care and the boards on which he served. He continues serving in the activities of many conference auxiliaries and as dean of the Central Oak Heights Assembly. His pioneering service to the Church has been a stimulus to many.



Bishop

SAMUEL J. UMBREIT, D.D.

SAMUEL JOHN UMBREIT, missionary, bishop and editor, was born February 22, 1871, in Manchester, Wisconsin. His high school training was taken in Portage, the Wisconsin town made famous by Zona Gale. At North Central College he finished the German and Philosophical courses. Here he was active in the Musical Union under the leadership of the peerless Prof. H. C. Smith. He took part in oratorical contests, was vice-president of the Y. M. C. A., president of his senior college class, president of the Literary Society to which he belonged, and served the Norwood Park, Ill., congregation on Sundays.

In addition to his training at Naperville, he took graduate work at Tokyo, Japan, the University of Chicago, and the University of Berlin, Germany. The Evangelical Theological Seminary honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1916, and Berlin University with a certificate of honor.

His pastorates included Berlin and Menomonie Falls, Wisconsin; Tsukiji and Koishikawa, Japan. He was district superintendent in the Japanese Conference for fifteen years and Mission Superintendent for thirteen years, leading our missionary work in this empire to new achievements. Twice he toured Evangelical missions in China as the Superintendent of the Mission.

In 1926, General Conference established a full-time residential bishopric for the European area. Dr. Umbreit was elected to fulfill this high position, and did so for two terms, until the European bishopric was discontinued by the 1934 General Conference. The 1934 and 1938 General Conferences elected him editor of *Der Christliche Botschafter*, the oldest publication of the Evangelical Church and the oldest German religious weekly paper in the United States.

Dr. Umbreit is an Evangelical of distinctive personality and achievements. He is a sprightly and piquant conversationalist, widely-read and much-traveled. His style is crisp, his illustrations fresh, his viewpoint aggressive. He has hobnobbed with outstanding religious leaders of the Orient and of Europe, has seen life in the raw as well as in refinement, and has come to possess that global-minded spirit which lifts him above the partisan and the sectarian.

Bishop

JOHN S. STAMM, D.D., LL.D.



JOHN S. STAMM is a native of Kansas, born around the period of the 1880's. His birthday is March 23. After belated high-school work taken in the North Central Academy he finished North Central College in 1909 and Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1910. He was president of his class, president of the Forensic Club and served on the college debating team for three years. While training in college and the Evangelical Theological Seminary, he also served a student pastorate. Graduate training was taken at the University of Chicago, from which institution he received his Master of Arts degree. Residence work towards a Ph.D. degree is also finished at this university. The Evangelical Theological Seminary bestowed the Doctor of Divinity degree for merited service, and Albright College the Doctor of Laws degree.

Pastorates served by Bishop Stamm were at Bloomington and Glasgow, Mo.; Manhattan, Downers Grove and Oak Park, Ill. At the last two places he built beautiful new churches. In his conference he served as president of the Conference Sunday-school Board, chairman of the Conference Commission on Policy and Program, and as missionary secretary of the Young People's Alliance. After eight years as professor in the Evangelical Theological Seminary he was elected bishop in 1926, residing in Kansas City until named by the 1934 General Conference to preside over the Eastern area with headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

His official duties include the presidency of the Evangelical School of Theology, Reading, Pa.; president of the Boards of Publication, Superannuation Fund, Church Extension, Christian Social Action; president of the Commission on Church Federation and Union; president of the board of trustees of several Old People's Homes in the East, and denominational representative on many interdenominational agencies. His work in the Federal Council of Churches in Christ has gained signal recognition.

Bishop Stamm's preaching claims the attention of every listener. He is always prepared to the smallest detail, calm and deliberate, and thoughtful in delivery. He is the sort of preacher who is disposed to reason not at, but with his hearers. His administrative ability is aggressive and statesmanlike. His book, "Evangelism and Christian Experience," is a recognized classic in this field.

Bishop
GEORGE E. EPP, D.D.



GEORGE EDWARD EPP, preacher, administrator and world traveler, was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, about midway of the 1880's. Upon graduating from the Sheboygan High School he attended Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., graduating therefrom in 1906. This institution, for merited service, conferred the D.D. degree upon him in 1928. His pastorates included: Menominee Falls Circuit, Prairie du Chien Mission, Milwaukee (Salem), and Racine, Wis., churches. He held eight conference offices, was president of the Conference Y. P. A., also treasurer of the Racine Italian Mission.

The General Conference of 1919 created the office of assistant executive secretary-treasurer of the Missionary Society, to which position Dr. Epp was elected. He took up the work as assistant to Rev. George Johnson on November 1 of that year. Rev. Johnson died on February 1, 1920. At that time Dr. Epp was elected the executive secretary-treasurer and carried for some time the work of the Superannuation Fund of which Rev. Johnson had been the treasurer. During his term as missionary secretary he visited our work in Europe in 1926 and the missions in the Orient in 1929-30. The 1930 General Conference elevated him to the episcopacy with particular supervision of the Northwest Area. During this quadrennium he traveled an average of over 52,000 miles a year. Including his trip to the Orient it was 232,000 miles for the five-year period.

The 1934 General Conference gave him supervision of the Central Area with six conferences, over 550 active ministers, and 95,000 church members. During the quadrennium 1934-38 he again visited our work in Europe.

His activities include the presidency of the Missionary Society and of the following boards: North Central College, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Ebenezer Orphan Home, Haven Hubbard Memorial Old People's Home, Evangelical Deaconess Society, secretary of the Board of Bishops, and other administrative offices too numerous to mention.

For plain, wholesome and optimistic outlook, Bishop Epp has a widespread reputation. He is pictorial, humorous, audacious and dramatic in his preaching. He is a master of detail, an executive of ability and a blazer of new paths. For passionate plea, heartbreaking episodes and "flickering torches" to stimulate his hearers the Church possesses none like him.

Bishop

ELMER W. PRAETORIUS, D.D.



ELMER W. PRAETORIUS, educator, preacher and friend of youth, was born in Dayton, Ohio, in the decade of the 80's. October 1 is his birthday. His parents who came from Germany, were led to Christ by Bishop John Seybert. He was led to Christ at the age of 16.

He attended night school at the Y. M. C. A. and at the age of 19 went to Steele's High School where he spent one year, including in his studies Geometry, Latin and Greek. January, 1902, found him at North Western Academy, from which he graduated in June, 1905. September, 1905, he entered Union Biblical Institute (now Evangelical Theological Seminary), taking the Greek-Hebrew Course, from which he graduated in 1907.

In 1907 he began his first pastorate at Trinity church, Louisville, Kentucky, which he served five years (the limit of pastorates at that time) and where he built a new church. In 1913 he was sent to Terre Haute (Kent Avenue) church, to finish a church building project. In 1915 he was sent to Elkhart, Indiana, to serve First church, which was then the largest church in the denomination in the United States.

In the Indiana Conference, of which he is a member, he held many offices. For twelve years he was Conference Trustee of North Central College and the Evangelical Theological Seminary. He was president of the Conference Branch Young People's Society, vice-president of the General Young People's Alliance (five years), and a member of the General Board and General Bible Study Secretary of the denomination.

He was in his sixth year in his pastorate at Elkhart when he was elected to the office of General Secretary of the General Conference, in which he served for fifteen years. During this period the cause of Christian Education made great strides under his direction. The General Board of Christian Education was organized and the whole structure of religious education agencies in local church and conference areas revamped. Interdenominational councils respected his leadership.

In 1928 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Evangelical Theological Seminary.

In 1934 General Conference elevated him to his present office of high honor and great trust and responsibility. He was assigned the Northwest area. The episcopal manse is in St. Paul, Minn. He is president of the General Board of Christian Education, of the Board of Trustees Western Union College, the Evangelical Deaconess Society, and the Commission on Evangelism.

Bishop

CHARLES H. STAUFFACHER, D.D.



CHARLES H. STAUFFACHER, preacher, executive, and missionary enthusiast, was born around the 1880's. His birthday is October 27. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the locale for his boyhood days. Here he took his secondary high-school training at Washington High School. College work was completed at Highland Park College and Des Moines University. In these centers he was active in glee club, debating, athletics, and Y. M. C. A. work. He served as a "Y" secretary, was class president his junior year, and was secretary for two years and president for one year of the Athletic Association.

Graduate training was secured at the University of Iowa. His seminary work was taken at various institutions and he states "that if various credits were gathered, it would have been completed before entering the ministry if certain conference officers had not discouraged it." For outstanding leadership, Western Union College, Le Mars, Iowa, awarded him a Doctor of Divinity degree. Pastorates were held in the Waterloo, Zeiring, Cedar Rapids (First) churches.

For two years he served as efficiency superintendent in the Iowa Christian Endeavor Union, then four years as president of this active state union. During that time he was elected life trustee of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. In the Iowa Conference he served seventeen years at the secretary's table, two years as a layman, eleven years as assistant, and six years as secretary of the conference. For four years he was district superintendent and active on all of the boards of the conference. In 1921 he became associate missionary secretary to Dr. B. H. Niebel, pioneer missionary secretary in our denomination. Upon merger, he served four years as secretary of the Forward Campaign, then was elected field secretary of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church, in which office he gave conspicuous leadership throughout two quadrenniums. At the General Conference in 1934 he was elevated to the office of bishop of the Evangelical Church and was assigned the Southwest Area. His "parish" extends from Iowa to Texas to California. The episcopal residence is in Kansas City, Mo. He is president of the Administrative Council, of the Sunday School and Tract Union, and serves on many other boards. In 1936-37 he made an episcopal visit to Evangelical missions in the Orient.

Bishop Stauffacher is remarkably well-balanced in his whole approach to life. His preaching is inspiring, forceful, and fertile.

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